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Dear Mr. Peter DeVries, Chair, State Building Code Council

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As a person who was threatened with having to spend \$20,000 on fire sprinklers by local officials on a Single Family Remodel I am well aware of the tactics pro-sprinkler advocates use to push their agenda.

I am sure you are aware that the current president of the ICC (Adolf Zubia) is also Chairman of the Fire and Life Safety Section of the International Fire Chiefs Association and heavily involved with the Pro-Sprinkler Organization "IRCfiresprinkler.org"

This obviously is a major conflict of interest for Mr. Zubia.

Your own Council has called into question the credibility of the entire ICC due to vote stacking the last sprinkler vote in 2008. "WABO - letter to Adolf Zubia"

The main Pro-Sprinkler tactic is to drastically misrepresent the cost of a 13D sprinkler system by using a ludicrous decades old inaccurate figure of \$1.50 per Sq Ft AND completely hiding the fact that ANY sprinkler system must have a water supply which easily costs as much as the system itself.

As of Sept. 25th 2009 BOTH water systems serving my area said either a separate water meter costing \$5,000 or a meter upgrade large enough to supply both house & sprinklers and also costing \$5,000 would be required. This does NOT include any trenching and laying of pipes which easily adds another \$3,000.

If passed this would be the single largest dollar cost mandate in history adding \$15,000 to \$30,000 right to the top of any new house built or any existing house remodeled by 50%.

Do not allow this industry lobby group to get their way by paying fire & building officials to stack the vote again in Baltimore 2009 to get a 2/3 majority.

Keep the fire sprinklers in the Appendix of the IRC and allow citizens to have a choice. This well organized, well funded Sprinkler Industry lobby should not be making WA State Law behind our backs with phony votes and NO public input.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

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